

**Report to:** East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 23 January 2017

**By:** Independent Chair, East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)

**Title:** Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015- 2016

**Purpose:** To present the Annual report and recent Safeguarding activity

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Board is recommended to consider and note the report**

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### **1. Background**

1.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual report (Appendix 1) outlines the safeguarding activity and performance in East Sussex between April 2015 and March 2016.

### **2. Supporting information**

2.1 Highlights contained in the report are as follows:

#### **Priority 1.1: Ensure the effectiveness and transparency of the SAB to oversee and lead adult safeguarding and the prevention of abuse**

- An Independent Chair was recruited, ensuring an effective framework for governance and assurance as each organisation should have effective systems in place to safeguard adults.
- A SAB budget was set up for the first time, consisting of financial contributions from Adult Social Care (ASC), Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Sussex Police and East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. This enabled the recruitment of the Independent Chair, the commissioning of an external reviewer for a multi-agency case review, as well as the costs of a learning event on Modern Slavery.
- A Lay member was appointed to increase community links, and transparency of the strategies and plans.

#### **Priority 2.1: Ensure Section 42 safeguarding arrangements are in place under the Care Act, with appropriate feedback and review arrangements**

- A multi-agency safeguarding case audit was undertaken, with the main focus on the new safeguarding Section 42 duties. Good information sharing at the start of enquiries was evidenced, as well as desired outcomes of the adult and/or their representative being considered. Development areas included ensuring earlier referrals for formal advocacy, a greater understanding of the Multi- Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process and keeping communication channels open between ASC and the Police.
- Formerly known as Serious Case Reviews, Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) became a statutory requirement under the Care Act. No SARs were undertaken in this period, however a Multi-agency review (MAR) was undertaken and learning events have taken place across agencies.

#### **Priority 2.2: Develop clear mechanisms for responding to and monitoring quality concerns**

- A multi-agency workshop was held to focus on the changes needed to safeguarding arrangements across the partnership and work will continue on how to respond to safeguarding enquiries where there are concerns about the quality of care.

### **Priority 3.1: Focus on personalising, defining and measuring safeguarding outcomes that bring safety and people's wishes together**

- Key safeguarding data includes a 43% increase in the number of safeguarding concerns received by ASC compared with last year, reflecting the three new categories included in safeguarding legislation (Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery and Self-neglect).
- There has been a significant increase in the number of enquiries resulting from concerns raised by homecare from just 12 in 2014-15 to 74 in 2015-16 following the successful awareness raising campaign with this staffing group last year, together with Homecare now being represented on the SAB. Six more enquiries were completed as a result of concerns raised by primary care (40 up from 34), however proportionately this is a 1% drop to 3% of all enquiries from 4% last year. Safeguarding awareness training with primary care began in this period, but remains a priority for 2016-17.

### **Priority 4.1: Allow the voice of client's, carer's, and the local community to be heard in safeguarding policy and practice.**

- The proportion of people receiving support from an advocate, family member or friend where they lacked capacity in this period was 92%. This is up from 86% the previous year, and compares favourably to the national average of 61% for 2014-15.
- Of the total desired outcomes identified by adults, 99% were either met or partially met through the safeguarding enquiry process. This has increased from 81% last year, suggesting the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) approach is becoming embedded into practice, with the adult's wishes being central to actions taken.

### **Priority 4.2: Ensure that people are aware of safeguarding and know what to do if they have a concern**

- In partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership, the SAB hosted a conference on 'Missing People, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking'. Over 120 delegates attended from a broad range of agencies.

### **Priority 5.1: Ensure that all people involved in safeguarding have the appropriate skills, knowledge and competencies**

- Key training figures from partner agencies are included in the annual report, with a particular focus on Domestic Abuse, harmful practices and Modern slavery.

## **3. Recent Safeguarding activity**

### 3.1 Recent safeguarding activity includes:

- a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is currently underway and a learning event will be planned for May 2017 facilitated by lead reviewers with expertise in the area of self-neglect;
- the SAB website is now in place: [www.eastsussexsab.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexsab.org.uk);
- monthly Multi-agency Case Review Panels are convened to consider SAR referrals
- the National Safeguarding Competency framework is in place; and
- a partnership event between the SAB, Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and Safer Communities Partnership will be held in February 2017 focussing on Coercive Control and Domestic Abuse.

### 3.2 The SAB Work plan with progress as of December 2016 is included in appendix 2.

#### **4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

4.1 The report shows significant progress in adult safeguarding activity from all organisations and has demonstrated the MSP principles are starting to embed into practice to put adults and their representatives at the centre of decisions and interventions made.

4.2 The East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to consider and note the report.

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